

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 were examined. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 14-16 and 19-21 were rejected.

Claims 4, 10-13, 22, 23 and 26 were allowed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

The Office Action

In the Official Action of January 18, 2006, claims 1-3, 5-9, 14-16 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

With regard to claims 1 and 20, the Examiner indicated that it was unclear how the foot and frame together can be locked in a position along an axis. In response thereto, Applicants have amended the phrase that the Examiner objected to, in both claims 1 and 20, to recite that the locking mechanism locks the foot relative to the frame member in a selected position along an axis.

With regard to claim 2, Applicants have deleted the recitation of the foot being movable in the vertical direction.

Claim 5 has been amended to clarify that the coupling permits rotation in one direction and prevent rotation in an opposite direction.

With regard to claim 14, “said driver” has been replaced by -- said drive member – and it is respectfully submitted that there is proper antecedent basis for “said drive member”.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9, 14-16 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph as being indefinite, as being no longer appropriate.

Applicants wish to extend their thanks to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 4, 10-13, 22, 23 and 26.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-006CONS5.

Respectfully submitted,

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